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## EUROPE

1. FRANCE: Communists stressing military defeatism--US Embassy Paris interprets recent propaganda statements of the French Communist Party as clear indications of a Communist return to the tactics of arousing military defeatism in France as part of a Soviet "peace" drive. The Embassy reports that leading Communists are now circulating the slogan that "the French people will never fight the Soviet Union" and are sabotaging the unloading of "war materials" in French ports.

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(CIA Comment: CIA believes that the French people are particularly susceptible at this time to this kind of propaganda.)

2. SPAIN: Effectiveness of Prieto-Monarchist agreement doubted--US Charge Culbertson in Madrid considers that publication of the reported agreement between the Spanish Socialists and the Monarchists for a joint effort to overthrow Franco will have no effect on the situation in Spain other than to irritate Franco and to retard any development of cooperation between the various factions there.

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(CIA Comment: CIA agrees that the Socialist-Monarchist agreement will have this estimated effect immediately but considers that this consolidation of anti-Franco groups may have long-range effectiveness if the Socialists and Monarchists are successful in obtaining international and financial backing.)

## THE AMERICAS

3. PERU: Estimated effects of outlawing APRA--US Embassy Lima believes that the recent Government decree outlawing APRA (the powerful non-Communist leftist party alleged to have been responsible for the recent attempted revolt) will not cause the demise of the party, pointing out that APRA increased

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its strength during its former period of underground activity. The Embassy estimates, however, that this decree will: (a) end the activities of APRA in politics and labor; and (b) open the way for the Communists to "move into the vacuum."

(CIA Comment: CIA does not believe the outlawing of APRA will create a "vacuum" or that the weak and divided Peruvian Communists will be able to move into the dominant position of APRA with Peruvian labor, though they may strengthen their hold in some critical unions.)

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